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Early week prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices in Chicago and New York were higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was mixed and ranged light to very good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced for present needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand mostly light. Many breakers had slowed breaking schedules as they decided to bide time and wait for more appealing prices. Schedules full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl demand continued moderate with offerings at least fully adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the mostly light demand. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-62	57-59
LARGE	53-61	55-59
MEDIUM	45-51	48-51

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate and continued to be held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-68
LARGE	57-72	62-66
MEDIUM	46-61	51-53

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 14-Feb-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	65.50	63.50	52.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	53.00
MIDWEST	58.00	57.00	49.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	65.50	64.00	52.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.92	62.31	51.85

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 17, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.7	19.5	6.9	13.5	13.2 63.8
	Change	-1.2	2.5	0.4	-1.5	-0.7 -1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.6	51.2	13.2	29.4	27.9 143.3
	Change	-1.7	1.9	-0.8	2.1	-6.7 -4%
Large	Curr Wk	37.5	94.5	51.2	94.7	112.0 389.9
	Change	-4.3	-12.9	-2.8	9.2	5.6 -1%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	45.0	18.2	19.7	21.9 119.9
	Change	0.0	2.1	-4.3	-1.0	-0.7 -3%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	8.2	0.8	5.6	3.0 20.4
	Change	0.7	0.7	-0.9	-3.0	-2.3 -19%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	23.7	10.7	11.5	6.3 55.2
	Change	-1.5	1.4	3.6	0.7	0.5 9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.2	65.6	17.6	30.5	27.1 158.0
	Change	-1.0	-20.1	-0.2	-0.1	-6.6 -15%
Total	Curr Wk	107.9	307.7	118.6	204.9	211.4 950.5
Percent	Change	-8%	-7%	-4%	3%	-5% -4%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg		950.5		-4%		175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		268.8		-8%		38
Total Shell Egg		1219.3		-5%		213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers. No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-18-03	02-11-03	02-19-02
Large	38-42	38-42	28-31
Medium	28-32	28-32	17-21

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES

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EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Feb-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,133,238	27,185	10,353	5,736	2,656	4,149
PW	1,124,687	26,376	10,950	6,085	2,893	4,147
LY	1,162,527	25,902	12,239	6,246	3,031	4,192
% CHG PW	1	3	-5	-6	-8	0
% CHG LY	-3	5	-15	-8	-12	-1
2003	7,893,246	184,442	75,264	41,879	19,925	29,371
2002	7,824,062	172,779	81,815	43,280	21,463	28,832
% CHG YTD	1	7	-8	-3	-7	2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	41.85	42.29	41.79
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.19	38.60	38.18

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Feb 08	Feb 15	Feb 08	Feb 15
	Thousand			
AL	26,987	27,311	21,390	20,696
AR	30,994	30,363	25,475	23,806
DE	3,489	3,348	*4,698	5,539
FL	1,609	1,605	1,393	1,739
GA	30,864	30,873	*25,425	25,838
KY	6,429	6,188	5,315	5,382
MD	9,897	9,494	*6,265	5,601
MS	18,501	18,912	15,479	15,967
NC	17,938	18,492	14,439	14,217
OK	6,432	6,395	4,259	4,509
PA	*3,497	3,465	*2,486	2,553
SC	4,820	4,841	*3,607	3,534
TX	14,417	14,786	11,905	12,340
VA	6,520	6,491	*5,617	5,612
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,682	19,899	*17,206	18,703

19 State Total ***202,076** **202,463** ***164,959** **166,036**

Previous Year Total 208,199 210,479 165,373 167,095

Pct. of Prev. Year 97 96 100 99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.18 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/13/03-02/19/03

CURRENT LDS 124.75			FUTURE LDS 72.25		TOTAL LDS 197.00		
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	41.00	47.54	42.67	45.40	47.22	—	67.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	80.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	65.00	66.00	56.71	—	5.50
GL W XL	51.00	62.19	56.00	55.84	54.40	54.00	52.25
GL W LG	63.00	62.23	52.50	54.46	54.09	52.00	56.25
GL W MD	—	46.89	40.00	42.00	41.76	42.50	18.25
GL W SM	32.25	33.50	29.25	32.00	27.00	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	36.60	39.86	23.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	28.50	3.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-Feb-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.4	23.9	-10	14
BOSTON	3.1	3.1	0	-3
CHICAGO	62.2	47.2	32	64
DETROIT	25.6	26.7	-4	-21
KANSAS CITY	3.9	4.7	-17	-65
LOS ANGELES	89.3	83.8	7	-23
NEW ORLEANS	14.7	15.9	-8	23
NEW YORK	28.6	29.8	-4	-29
ST. LOUIS	17.6	15.8	11	-15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.9	1	0
TOTAL	288.6	272.8	6	-12
4 WK MVG AVG	275.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-2003

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,717	2,575	52	7	4,351
AVG WT	15.59	37.60	23.67	40.51	28.75
LAST WEEK	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
SAME WK YR AGO	1,853	2,695	52	13	4,613
AVG WT	16.39	36.98	24.63	28.55	28.55
TO-DATE/2003	11,399	17,555	376	79	29,409
TO-DATE/2002	11,882	18,033	264	54	30,233

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	AVG	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD		
N EAST	705	0	20.74	(A)	706	20.74	
SATL	806	-6	30.14	(A)	808	30.14	
N CENT	2,139	4	32.87	(A)	2,141	32.87	
S CENT	443	1	21.86	(A)	444	21.86	
WEST	251	2	23.55	(A)	252	23.55	
U.S. TOTAL	4,344 (B)	1	28.75	7	4,351	28.75	
TO-DATE							
2003	29,330 (B)			79	29,409		
TO-DATE							
2002	30,179 (B)			54	30,233		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000 for the year 376,000; last year to date 264,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	152,044	1,793	1,257	3,050	418
AVG WT	5.15	3.43	7.77	5.22	6.90
LAST WEEK	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066	421
SAME WK YR AGO	157,980	1,719	1,186	2,905	458
AVG WT	5.03	3.70	7.90	5.42	6.71
TO-DATE/2003	1,030,168	11,563	9,414	20,977	2,896
TO-DATE/2002	1,059,932	12,688	8,839	21,527	3,106

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.9 million head or 0.3 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Feb-03

	Current Week 02/22/03(1)	Previous Week 02/15/03
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	150,856(2)	154,543
LT HENS	1,671	1,955
HVY HENS	1,500	1,301
TOTAL	154,027	157,799

(1) ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Feb-03 is 153.7 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.2 million head or 2.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 01-Mar-03 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 11	154.4	149.1	104%	5.11
18	155.0	152.4	102%	5.14
25	145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
FEBRUARY 1	153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
15	153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	1042.7	1058.4	99%	
FEBRUARY 22		153.7		
MARCH 1		153.4		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 02/17/03-02/22/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago 53.00-56.00		55.28	43	57.58	78
Los Angeles 68.00		66.66	62	64.47	170
New York 53.00-55.00		54.11	19	57.13	42

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from 17-Feb-03	10-Feb-03	10-Feb-03	18-Feb-02
	60.26	-0.60	60.86	55.63

NUMBER OF LOADS 589

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-58	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of

1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 02/17/03	2,739	164,286	74,008
AM 02/01/03	1,717	155,703	76,443
CHG	1022	8583	-2435
PCT CHG	60%	6%	-3%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-Feb-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.97
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8.25	8.24

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 07-FEB-03

Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

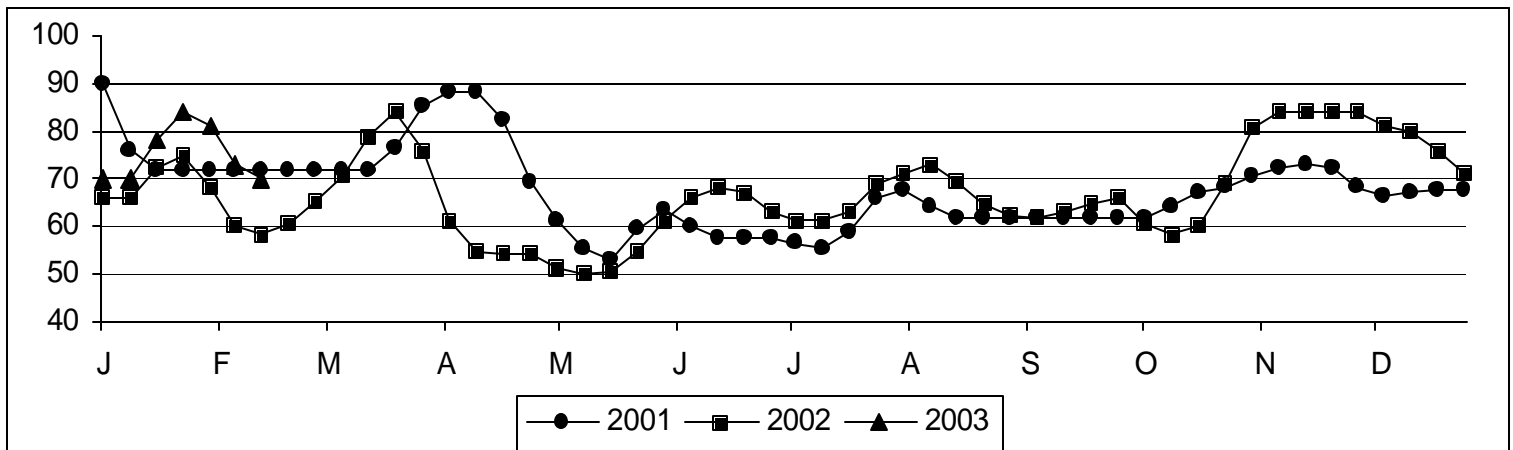
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-7	3-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	2.5-6	4-4.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

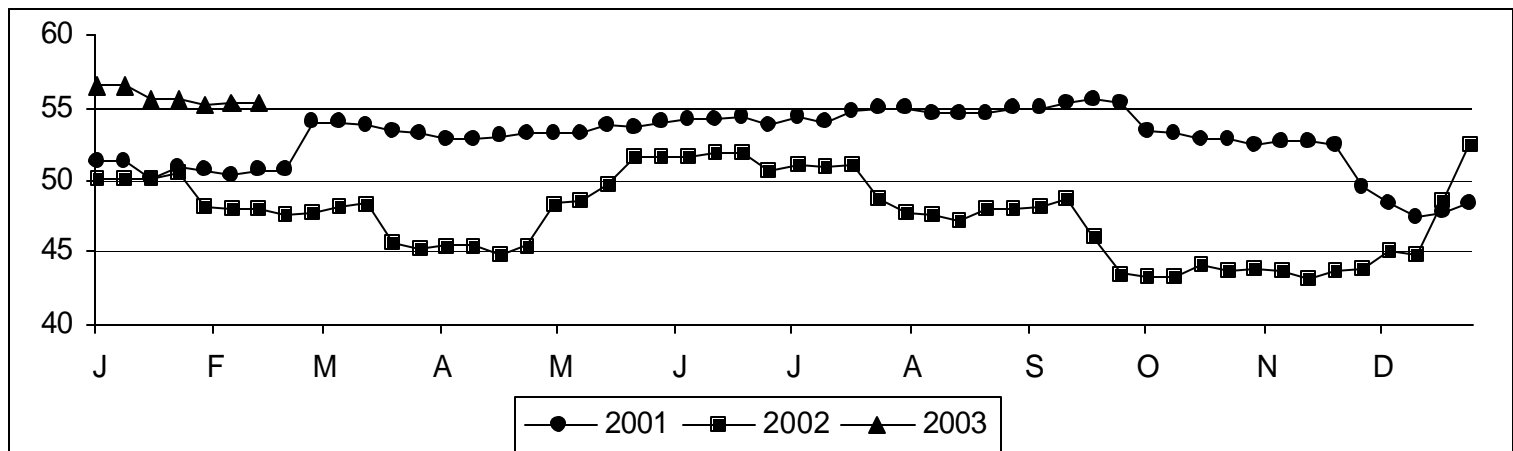
W/E 15-Feb-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	216.5	-3	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	561.2	7	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	283.5	3	-1
S. ATLANTIC	199.0	4	5
S. CENTRAL	99.2	5	9
WEST	184.9	-1	1
TOTAL	1544.3	3	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

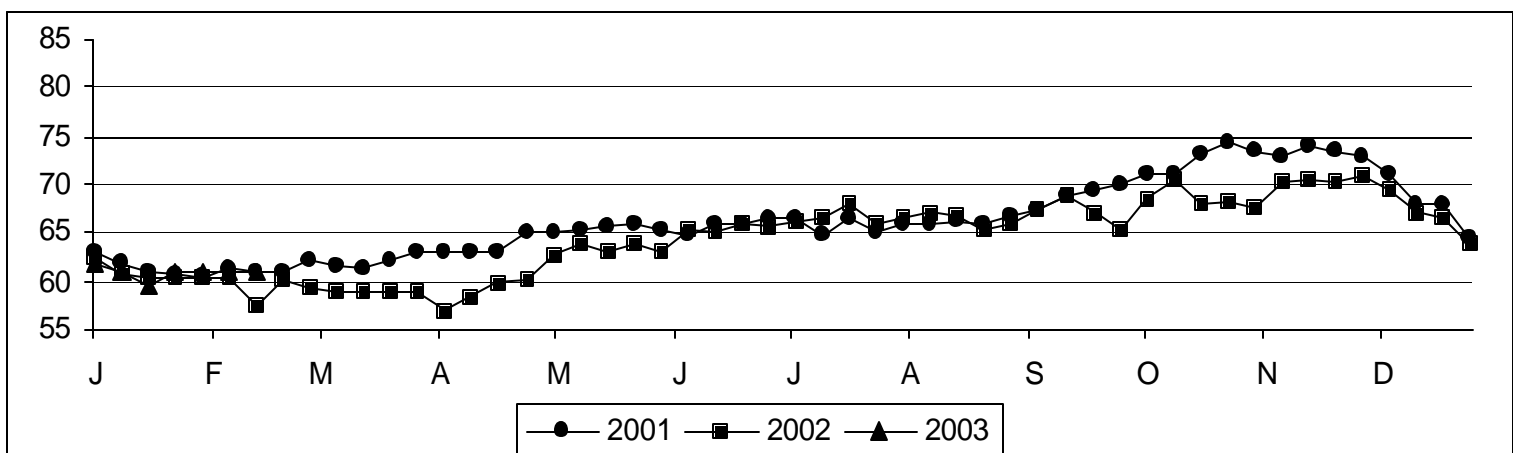
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices
Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys
Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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